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## GUIDANCE FOR USE OF THE DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS NETWORK (DISN)

This page provides interim guidance for the use of the Defense Information Systems Network (DISN). During the past several months, DISA and the Joint Staff have received numerous queries and requests for clarification regarding proper use of the DISN Data Services Network, unclassified but sensitive internet protocol network (NIPRNET). Many organizations have requested network access for morale programs, such as personal e-mail accounts between troops and their family members and internet training programs for service members and their dependents.

**The primary purpose of the DISN is to support the command and control requirements of the warfighter.** As a result, the network is intended **FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**.

The following interim guidance is offered:

Use of the DISN for personal correspondence, other than mission and/or command support, is not authorized. However, for morale purposes, local commanders may authorize DoD members who are deployed in remote locations limited access to the network to communicate with their dependents. Commanders will establish procedures to ensure that the DISN service to operational users is not impaired, and internal controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance that government resources are protected against fraud, waste, mismanagement, or misappropriation.

For more information, see the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction ([CJCSI 6211.02A](#)) You will need an Adobe Acrobat viewer to read it.

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